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Adelphi band has D.C. trip in sight

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ADELPHI — There's a bus waiting. There's a century-old tune to be played. And the director is hoping that the Adelphi Community Band is not "too little a potato" to represent Ohio in the 50th American Presidential Inaugural Parade.

"We're just kind of waiting to see whether we're going or not — if we don't get accepted there's not much too it," said Adelphi's Herman "Bill" Hinton, acting director of the band.

Hinton received a letter last week from the Ohio Republican Party indicating that his band is one of five nominated from the state to participate in presidential ceremonies Jan. 21 in Washington, D.C. But only one band from Ohio will be selected by the party's national parade committee.

"There's two ways of looking at this: We've got one in four chances of going or we have four-to-one against us," said tuba player Ed Bennett.


BENNETT AND Ross County Commissioner Robert Barada are responsible for obtaining an application from the state and submitting information about the band. Bennett said it was "just a wild idea." But that idea was taken a step further when Barada made a call to the office of U.S. Rep. Robert McEwen, R-Hillsboro. Barada's inquiry, Bennett said, got the band an application.

"We're hoping that maybe they'll choose us because of our years of service," Bennett said.

The band originated as a small-town band in 1980. Today, 75-year-old bass player David Pontious of Kingston links generations with the first Adelphi bandsmen. His father played with the original band.

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